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# CDF NEWS RELEASE

## California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection



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### **CDF/State Fire Marshal Urges Safety During Holiday Season**

**Sacramento** – Holidays are a time of celebration, but each year holiday fires injure thousands and cause over \$930 million in damage. On Monday December 18 at 10 a.m. the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection / Office of the State Fire Marshal, Sacramento Metropolitan Fire Department, Sacramento City Fire Department and the California Department of Consumer Affairs will be holding a media event to offer holiday safety messages and demonstrate what can happen when holiday items are not kept fire safe. Fire officials will show the flammability of both a well watered tree compared to a dry tree.

Here are a few safety topics that will be covered:

- The importance of keeping Christmas Trees well watered
- Never leaving burning candles unattended
- Keep flammables away from heat sources
- Making sure all homes have working smoke detectors
- The dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning from propane heaters

When: Monday December 18, 2006 at 10 a.m.

Where: Department of Consumer Affairs, 3485 Orange Grove Ave., North Highlands

Fire officials will be available after the presentation to answer questions.

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